

Dear Joel,

I've shown Davaan Perry a copy of the letter to Acad. Velikhov from Gerasimov asking him to OK the handover of the Slow Scan equipment to Moscow News. Gerasimov signed this letter on 28 October as soon as he got back from his vacation. Velikhov sanctioned the handover on 13 November the only day he was spending in Moscow before flying to Geneva with Gorbachev for the summit. Preparations for the summit made it impossible for us to do the planned exchange on 9 Nov. Sorry about that, but it is not the first time about major international events interfere with our lesser plans. The Korean airline disaster was another example...

Davaan will update you on the progress of preparations for the global New Year's party and will also give you the Russian original of the script proposal (Yuri didn't have time to translate it).

I hope you better than anyone can appreciate the potential the new situation is offering us and convince the citizen diplomats within your gravitational pull that the new channel of communication is our common achievement and all of them are welcome to participate in the global town meeting on New Year's Eve and New Year's day. PTO

As to planned STM is the ~~shared~~ joint
initiative of Moscow News and the city council
of Moscow I can ~~not~~ use the slow-scan
every day, if need be. I hope that using
this channel we have initiated we'll be
able to coordinate the efforts of all the
participants during the run-up to the STM
and convince them that we have enough
time in hand to do it at a decent
creative and artistic level.
I hope to see you again soon on the
slow-scan screen.

Best regards to
all our friends
in San Francisco
& love to Prang

Joyle